

**A Proclamation set forth by the state and bodie of the  
Kynge's Maiesties Counsaile now assembled at London, con-  
cerning the very trouthe of the Duke of Somerset's euil  
Government, and false and detestable proceedings.**



**T**he Kynge's Maiesties moost honorable Counsaile, cal-  
ling to their remembrance the quiet state, that this the Kynge's mai-  
esties moost noble Realme of Englande and other his Maiesties  
Realmes and Dominions, bothe in at the decess of his highnes fa-  
ther, of moost noble memoire Kynge Henry the eight, their late soue-  
raigne Lorde and Pastor, and studying upon the causes of suche  
calamities, losses and displeasures, as of late have happened amonges  
us, not only by inward division, whiche hath been already the death of  
thousandes of his Maiesties naturall subiectes, and ones **G D** of his merite doe give them that  
have been offenders grace to repent, and to determine to lyue hereafter in a due and Godly obedience,  
muste nedes hyde to this Realme an bitter desolacion, But also by the losses of his Maiesties peeces  
beyond the Seas, the whiche his highnes said father not many yeres before his decess hadde, to  
the greate honor of his Maiestie, and to the greate commoditie of his realme, with the greate aventure  
of his moost noble persone, and the consumption of his inestimable treasure: they have founde and fully  
perceiued that the only roote and chief cause of al these euils haue growne by the malice and euil gover-  
nement of Edward Duke of Somerset, lately called Protector, whose pride, courtousnes, and extreme  
ambicion, doth declare and shewe to all the worlde, that liste to beholde the same, that he hath want no-  
thing lesse then the preservation of the Kynge's moost Royall maiestie, or the good orde of his Realme  
and the safe keeping of his graces peeces beyond the Seas, but rather that he hath sought the satisfacti-  
on of his deuyllish and euill purposes, for the compassing wherof, what waies he and his haue taken to  
entperche hym, how he hath in all this tyme of the warres both with Fraunce & Scotlande buydd most  
sumptuously in a nombre of places, the Kynge's Maiesties poore Souldiours and others having some-  
times of money due to them unpaide of their wages and duties: how he hath laboured to make hymself  
strong in all Countreys: how he hath subverted all Lawes, Justice, & good orde of the Realme, wherby  
he hath fearfully shaken the Chayre of his Maiesties estate: how litle he hath estemed the grame aduise  
of all his Maiesties good and faithfull Counsaillors: how litle he hath regarded thoyder appointed by  
our late soueraigne Lorde Kynge Henry the eight, for the gouernement of his maiestie, his Realmes and  
dominions, now in his tender age: what deuision he hath laboured to sowe in the Realme  
haue brought his purpose to passe, betwene the Nobles, the Gentylmen  
nedes if it should continue destroye both parties, and at last be  
ueraigne Lorde the Kynge, whom God long preserve vnto vs,  
his maiestie and the Realme haue of late suffered by his in-  
furniture of the peeces beyond the Seas: And what dar-  
les God helpe it by his mightie hand, for that he wold  
moued to it, both by suche as had and haue  
by diuers of them a part, eu-  
lament it.

Whiche thinges  
Maiesties counsaile  
better and moze co-  
mfortable persone  
peeces.